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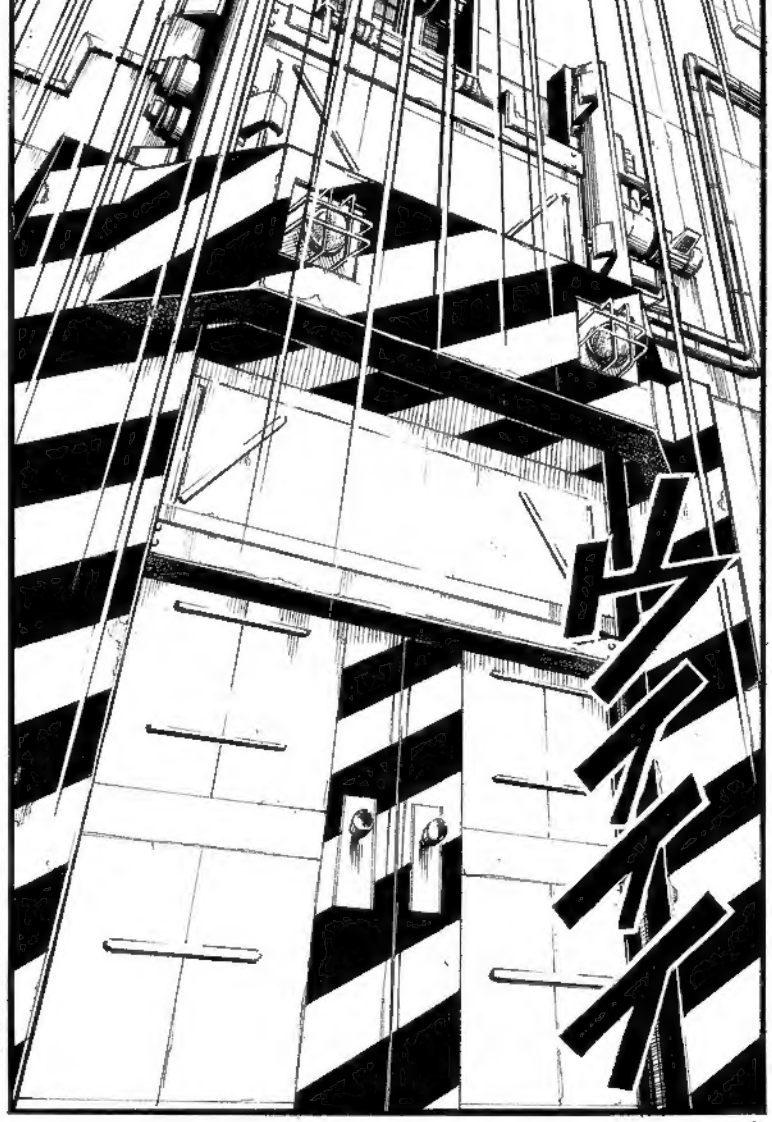

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G... GUY.

MING-XIA, YOU GO!

CHILDREN, COME HERE.

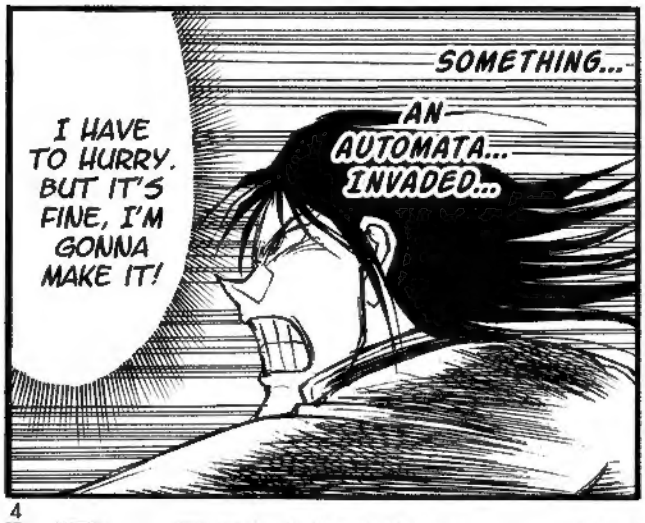
O-OUCH, HEY, I'M NOT RESISTING. THIS ISN'T INCLUDED IN MY PAYCHECK, Y'KNOW.

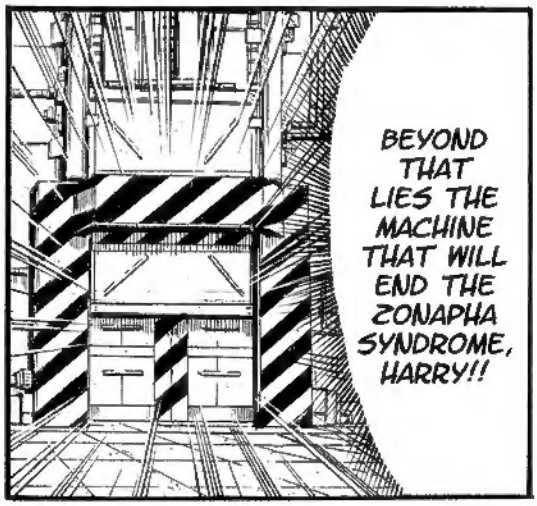
GOOD GRIEF!!

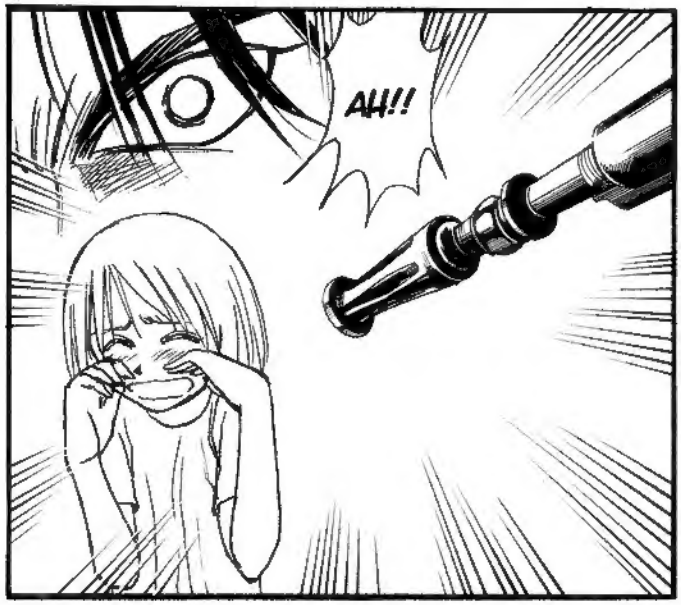
NARUMI, YOU GO... RUNNING LIKE A BRUTE ISN'T MY SORT OF THING.

GUY...

YES!!
HELP THE ROOKIE!


I HAVE TO HURRY. BUT IT'S FINE, I'M GONNA MAKE IT!
SOMETHING... AN AUTOMATA... INVADED...


BEYOND THAT LIES THE MACHINE THAT WILL END THE ZONAPHA SYNDROME, HARRY!!


AH!!

GET OFF ME, DAMN IT!
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LOOK OUT!
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HOA!!

I...
DON'T WANT TO BE PUNCHED TWICE.
PHEW...

EVEN I CAN FEEL PAIN...
YOU WOULD GET ANGRY AGAIN IF I LET A CHILD BE KILLED, RIGHT?

GO, NARUMI. I'LL HOLD BACK THE AUTOMATA REINFORCEMENTS COMING FROM OUTSIDE!!

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H... HURRY UP...!!
M... MING-HAI...
I'M COUNTING ON YOU, GEORGE!!
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BIG SIS!

WE MADE IT...
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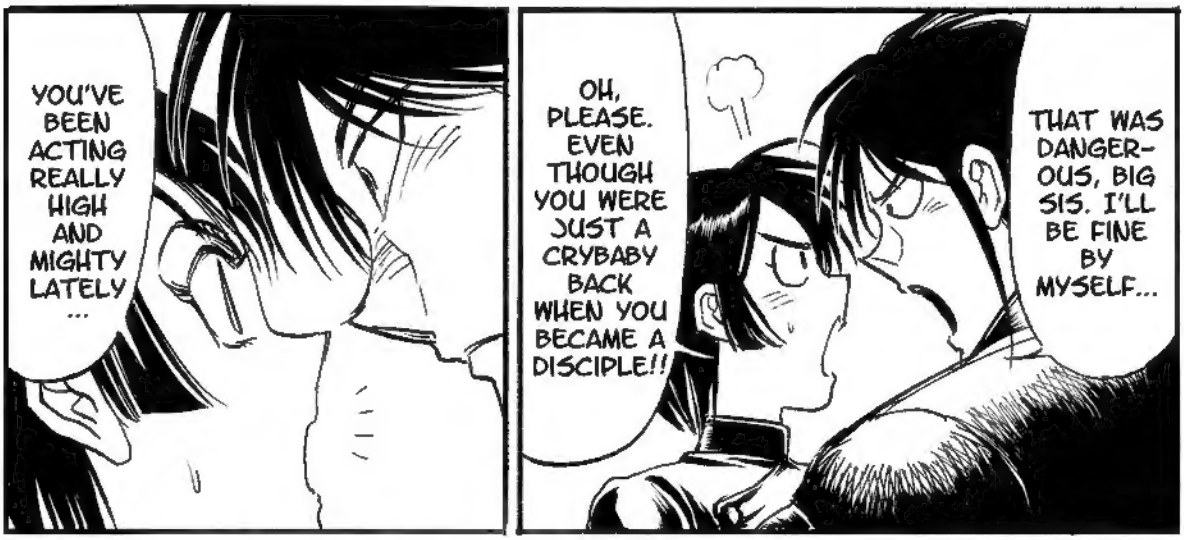
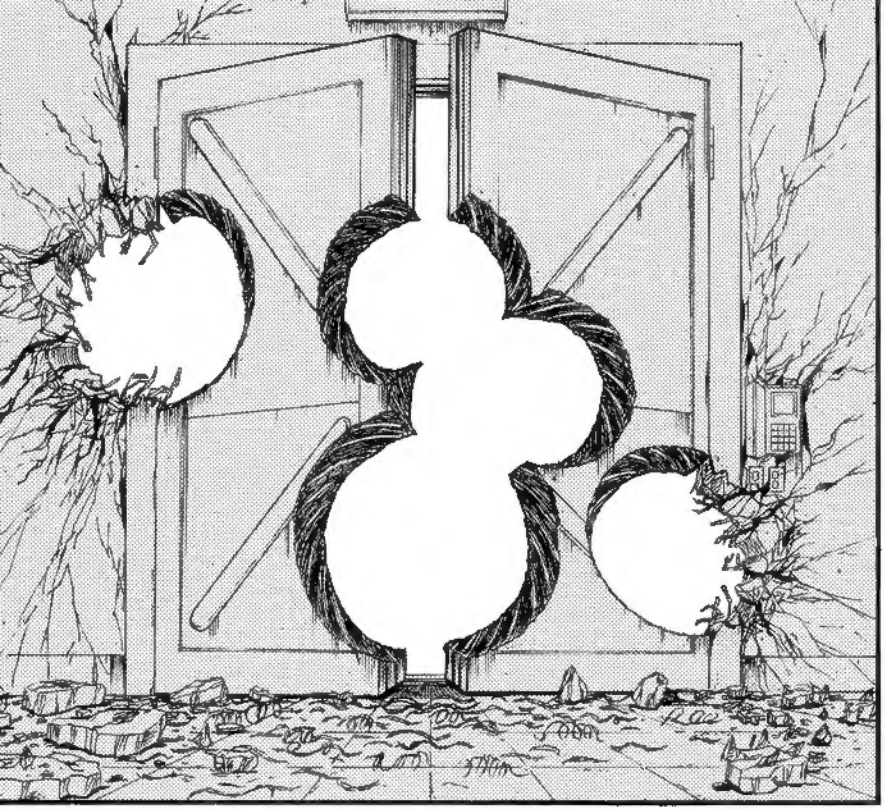
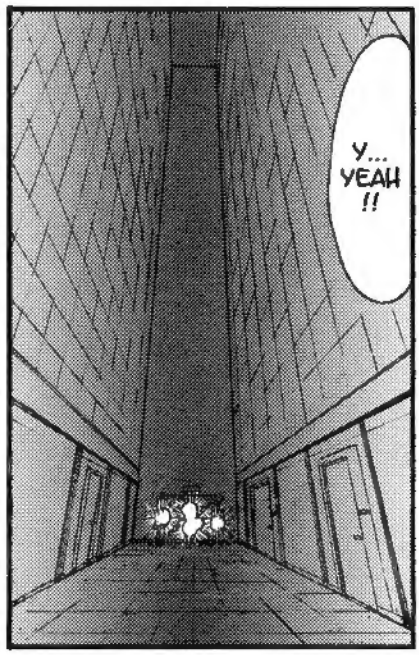
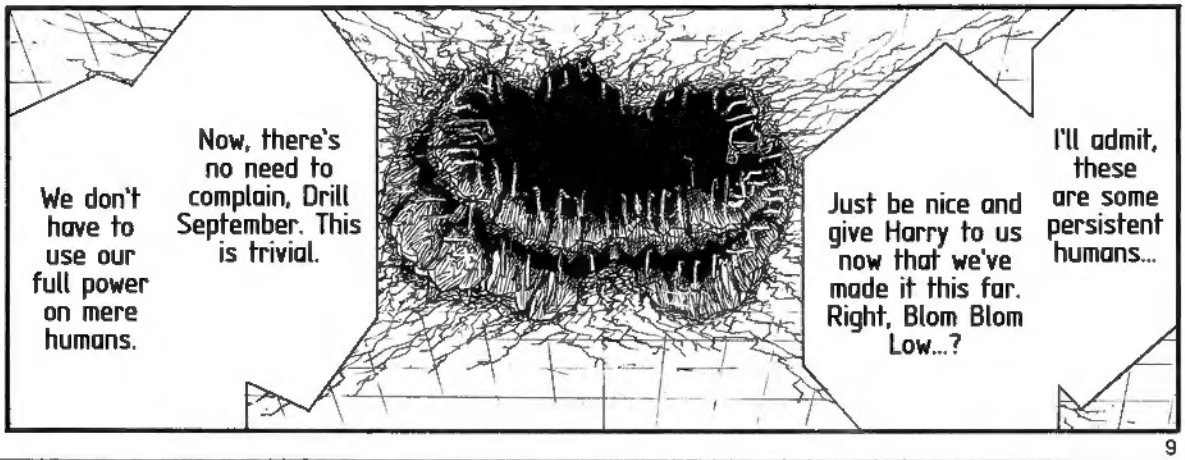

YOU'VE BEEN ACTING REALLY HIGH AND MIGHTY LATELY ...
OH, PLEASE. EVEN THOUGH YOU WERE JUST A CRYBABY BACK WHEN YOU BECAME A DISCIPLE!!
THAT WAS DANGER-OUS, BIG SIS. I'LL BE FINE BY MYSELF...

SHUT UP. MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE AUTO-MATA ARE ATTACKING HARRY AT THE END OF THIS CORRIDOR, RIGHT?!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, BIG SIS? DO YOU HAVE A FEVER?
A-... ANYWAY, LET'S GO!!




Y... YEAH !!


We don't have to use our full power on mere humans.
Now, there's no need to complain, Drill September. This is trivial.
Just be nice and give Harry to us now that we've made it this far. Right, Blom Blom Low...?
I'll admit, these are some persistent humans...

Tch, how annoying...
Take it as a compliment...

Their quick-wittedness is really impressive!!

DOCTOR... THE MAGNETIC FIELD WON'T EXTEND BEYOND EIGHT METERS.

BESIDES, THE BATTERY IS...

I KNOW!

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As expected of an expert on Zonapha Syndrome, the leading researcher Doctor Leif Bernhardt.

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We automata are powered by artificial body fluids made of Zonapha bugs, meaning we can't approach you now.

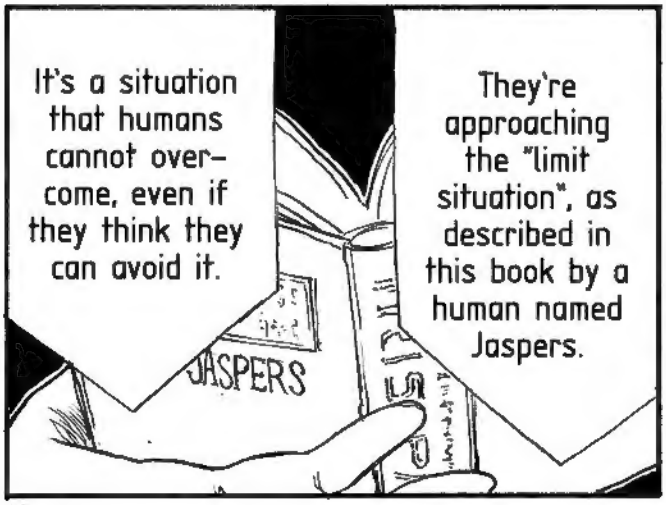
KARL JASPERS

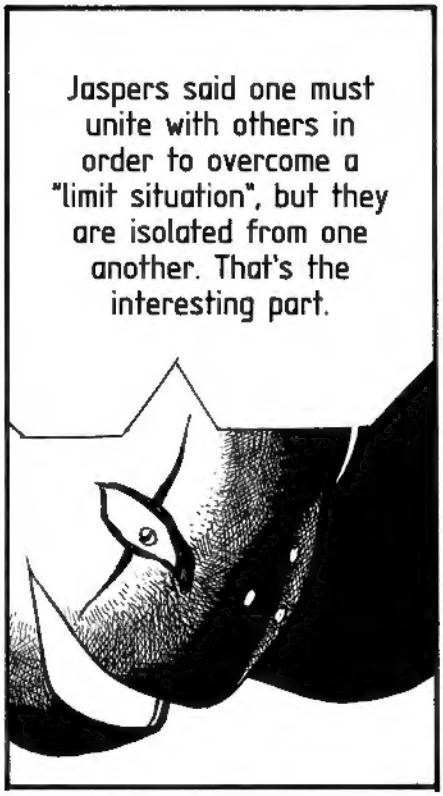
In this short while, you remodeled Harry from a type that humans enter...

To one that outputs the Waldheim electro-magnetic waves that neutralizes the Zonapha bugs to its surroundings...

You see, Drill... Harry needs electricity. And quite a lot.
Huh ...?

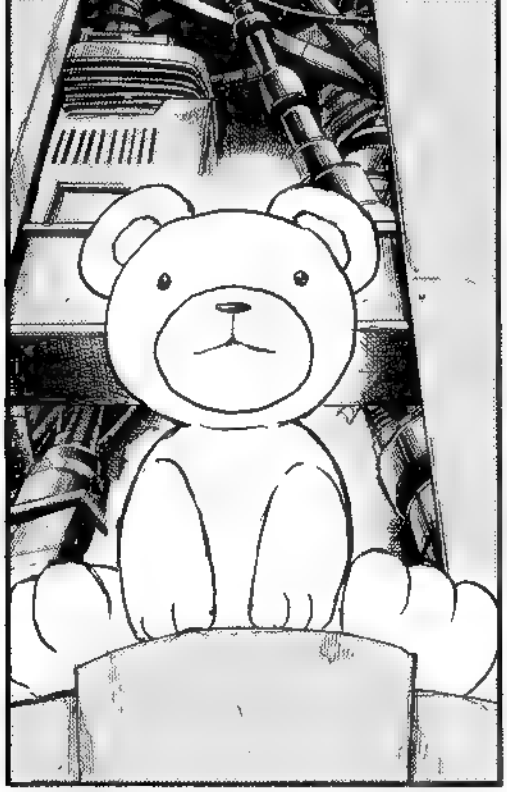
That's why I'm waiting...
Blom, we have to take Harry to Master Faceless ASAP!!
Hey, how can you say that without a care in the world?


It's a situation that humans cannot overcome, even if they think they can avoid it.
They're approaching the "limit situation", as described in this book by a human named Jaspers.
JASPERS


Jaspers said one must unite with others in order to overcome a "limit situation", but they are isolated from one another. That's the interesting part.

Oh, so that's it.
We'll kill them when that happens, and steal Harry...
Harry's battery will soon run out of power...

This situation is turning for the worst...
No one's coming to save them.
IF WE DIE, WHO'S GOING TO CURE THE ZONAPHA SYNDROME...?
EVEN THOUGH... WE FINALLY COMPLETED THE CURE FOR THE ZONAPHA SYNDROME, HARRY...
I GUESS HE GOT KILLED TOO...
DAMN IT... CHUCK EVEN WENT TO ASK FOR HELP IN THE INTER-PHONE...
DON'T GIVE UP!!
IT'S HOPELESS!!
DOCTOR, THE BATTERY WILL RUN OUT...



...AND FOR THE CHILDREN INFECTED WITH ZONAPHA SYNDROME, HE FOUGHT THE AUTOMATA ALL BY HIMSELF!!

FOR THE SAKE OF THE LITTLE GIRL WHO OWNED THAT BEAR...

REMEMBER THE MAN WHO ENTRUSTED THAT BEAR TO US!!

SO WE CAN STEAL THEIR TIME, EVEN IF IT'S BY ONE SECOND!!

WHAT WE CAN DO NOW... IS PUT OUR LIVES ON THE LINE...

DON'T GIVE UP UNTIL THE VERY END!!

THE BATTERY REACHED ZERO...
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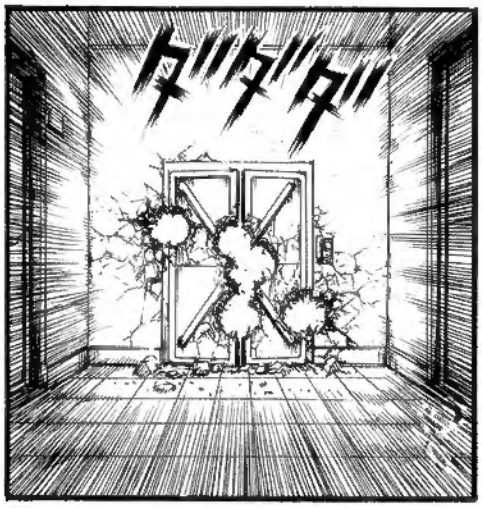
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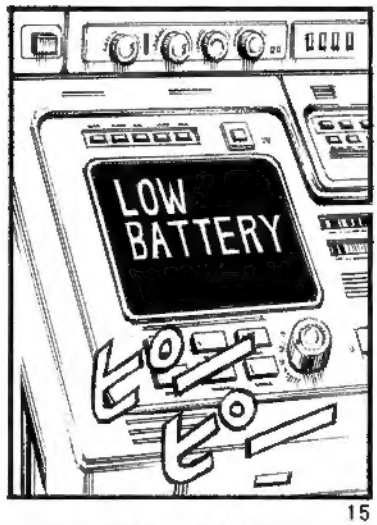
LOW BATTERY
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ALRIGHT, MING-HAI!!
RIGHT THERE, LET'S GO!
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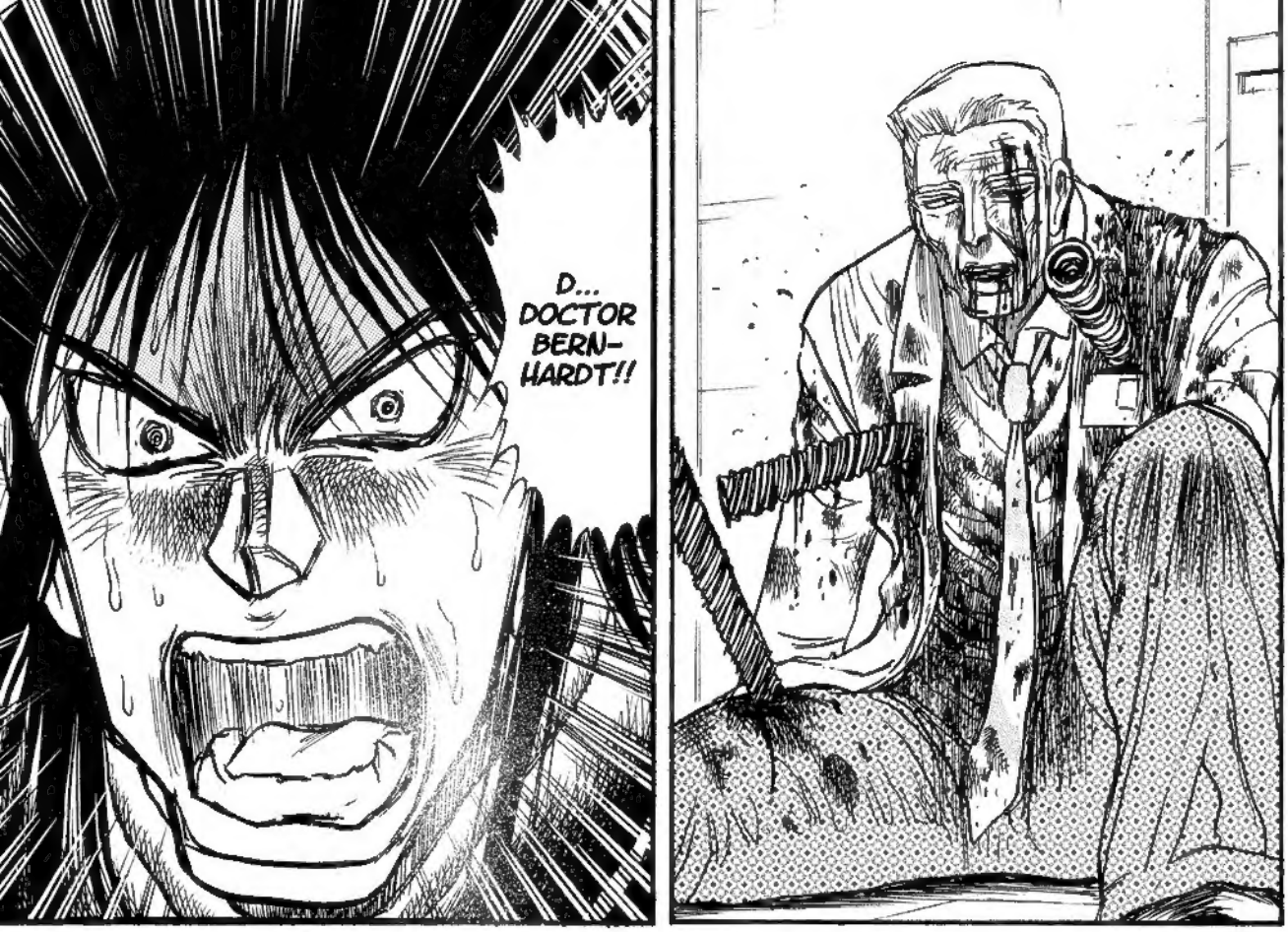
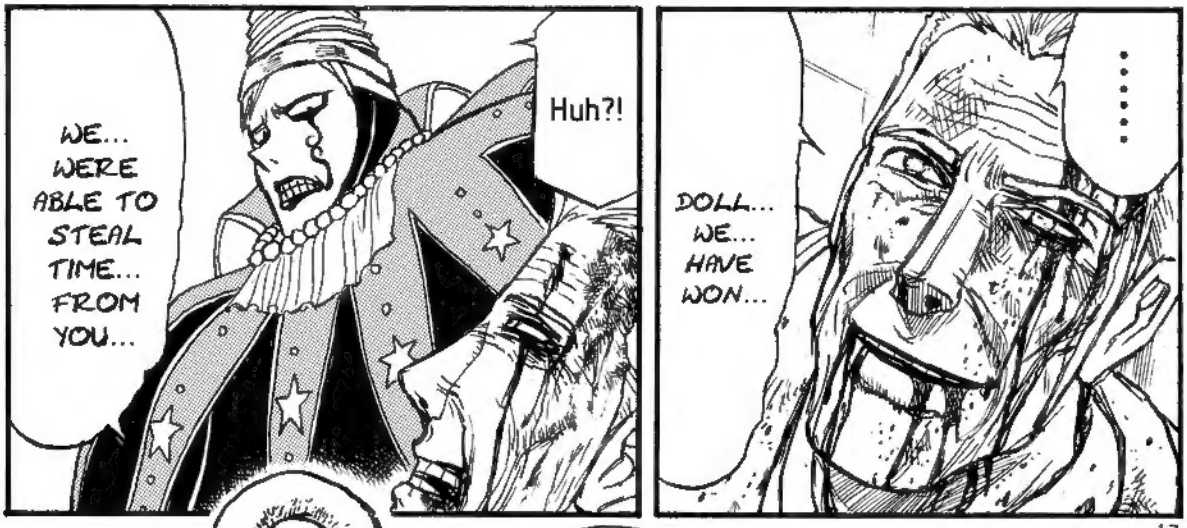
Who the hell are you guys?


D... DOCTOR BERN-HARDT!!


WE... WERE ABLE TO STEAL TIME... FROM YOU...
Huh?!
DOLL... WE... HAVE WON...
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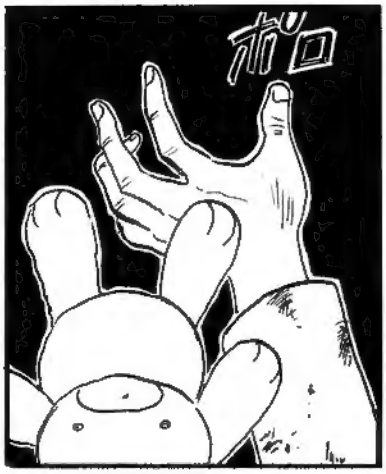
WILL NOT HAVE HARRY!!
YOU...

KEH, LISTEN TO YOUR-SELF!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I'LL TEACH YOU A LESSON, YOU BASTARD!
MERE HUMANS, YOU SAY ?!

THEY'RE ONLY TWO MERE HUMANS, AND SHAMELESS ONES AT THAT!!